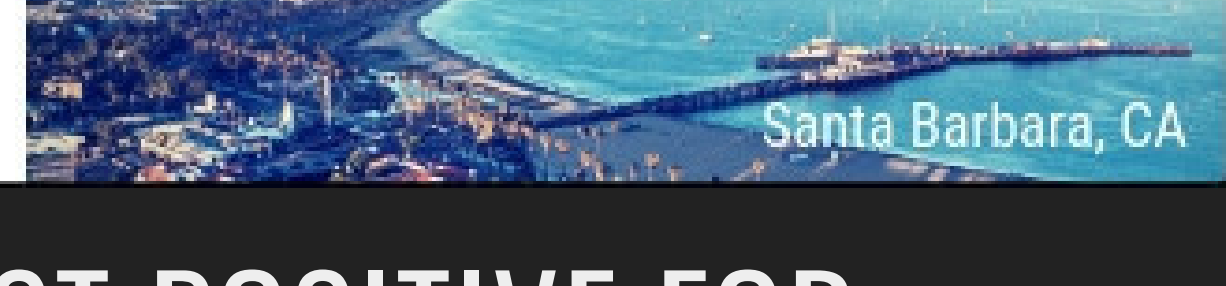


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Source: Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

Two Sheriff's Deputies are recovering at home after testing positive for COVID-19. The first deputy was assigned to patrol in the Santa Maria area and last worked patrol on Saturday, March 21, 2020.

The deputy began feeling ill the following day, Sunday, March 22, 2020 and was experiencing COVID-19 related symptoms. The deputy was tested on Monday, March 23, 2020 and began self-isolation. The deputy was notified that the test results were positive for COVID-19 on Friday, March 27, 2020 by Public Health.

A fellow deputy who had ridden in a patrol car with the first deputy began experiencing COVID-19 related symptoms while at work on Friday, March 27, 2020. The deputy left work, sought medical attention- including testing, and went home to isolate. On Saturday, March 28, 2020 the second deputy was notified that the test results were positive for COVID-19.

The Sheriff's Office has been working closely with Public Health to evaluate any potential risk to additional staff or the public. The Sheriff's Office initiated additional follow-up that included tracing back each of the deputies' contacts with the public and coworkers in a pro-active effort to identify possible exposures. No additional people have been identified or recommended for self-isolation protocol by Public Health.

The Sheriff's Office remains steadfast in our commitment to providing the highest quality of law enforcement service during this trying time. While the challenges of controlling the spread of COVID-19 present another layer of safety concerns for deputies, we are dedicated to safely and effectively keeping the peace.

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A-1585580666 MAR 30, 2020 07:43 AM

First tested waited 4 days while second sheriff tested waited 1 day. This demonstrates improvement in turnaround time. Should this be expected to hold up? Also, how are they feeling now? Can they report back experience and process of healing? As public servants this anecdotal information is very helpful to the public.

CHILLINGRILLIN MAR 29, 2020 11:07 PM

It's all going to be okay. The president said it will be over by Easter then "really good things are going to happen." Why then? It's a beautiful day why not

A-1585580666 MAR 29, 2020 11:11 PM

The dead will rise again, in time for the work week.

MINIBEAST MAR 29, 2020 09:19 PM

They were riding in a patrol car together?

A-1585580666 MAR 29, 2020 06:42 PM

We need our sheriffs deputies to be healthy. How many law enforcement personnel have now been exposed because it took 5 days for a test to come back? We need our PH department to be more proactive.

A-1585580666 MAR 29, 2020 11:08 PM

@10:09 pm -That does not answer my question. You are simply repeating what we have already read. When the officer had symptoms and was, tested why wasn't the other officer, who had been in the patrol car two days earlier, also tested and quarantined? This is the problem. Why isn't the sheriff taking every precaution? Why isn't PH and the BOS demanding it?

A-1585580666 MAR 29, 2020 10:09 PM

The deputy began self isolation the day of the test, which was two days after s/he last worked and one day after symptoms hit.

A-1585580666 MAR 29, 2020 06:39 PM

Why did it take 5 days for the first deputy to receive test results and one day for the second deputy? Are they prioritizing by risk of exposure? That's a big difference in turn around time. Also if the first deputy was having Covid symptoms and went home sick, why wouldn't the dept test both of them out of an abundance of caution? It seems really poor policy to test one and wait for it to come back before quarantining and testing the other.

THEREALBEBE MAR 30, 2020 02:35 AM

That's how it is going. Symptomatic citizens, by and large, are NOT being tested unless they present with the most severe symptoms (and a combination of them) or can prove direct contact with another who has tested positive. That's why the numbers are so skewed - only the sickest are being tested and counted as confirmed.

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